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The director of the CIA assails proposed rules for spy agencies.

Stansfield Turner called a provision to give certain members of Congress access to all secrets "unnecessary, improper and unwise." Sen. Birch Bayh (D., Ind.), chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, replied that the provision was crucial. At issue is a bill containing a legislative charter governing operations of the CIA and other U.S. intelligence-gathering agencies. Turner maintained that giving prior notice to the House and Senate intelligence committees on major CIA activities, as required by an executive order issued by President Carter, would have "a very chilling effect on the confidence" of undercover agents. Several committee members claimed that such monitoring of the CIA's activities was necessary to prevent abuses.